Estimated arable and fallow land in the country

145. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the details of the estimated arable and fallow land in the country, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): A statement giving State-wise details of arable and fallow land in the country for the latest available year 1994-95 is enclosed.

From the above table it may be seen that the growth of crop production in India has been higher as compare to China during 1983—1993.

(c) and (d) To increase production and productivity with a view to achieve higher agricultural growth the Government is implementing, on a comprehensive scale, several crop specific centrally sponsored Schemes relating to wheat, rice, coarse cereals, pulses, oilseeds, cotton, jute & mesta, sugarcase and horticultural crops.

Statement

State Wise fallow land and arable land *1994-95*

(Thousand hectares)

State/Union Territory	Current fallows	Other fallow Lands	Total arable land
Andhra Pradesh	2726	1745	15083
Arunachal Pradesh	25	49	26
Assam*	72	70	3139
Bihar	1922	965	10609
Goa	—	—	139
Gujarat	737	28	10378
Haryana	156	—	3719
Himachal Pradesh*	50	24	689
Jammu & Kashmir	96	7	908
Karnataka	1284	422	12451
Kerala	48	29	2348
Madhya Pradesh	825	789	21301
Maharashtra	1023	1075	20187
Manipur*	—	—	233
Meghalaya	66	166	593
Mizoram*	183	259	510
Nagaland	117	97	557
Orissa*	149	243	7562
Punjab	36	2	4250
Rajasthan	1669	1832	20539
Sikkim*	4	9	113
Tamilnadu	1001	1030	8040
Tripura*	4	1	309
Uttar Pradesh	1126	879	19859
West Bengal	210	34	5785

State/Union Territory	Current fallows	Other fallow Lands	Total arable land
A & N Island*	1	3	56
Chandigarh*	—	—	3
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	—	—	24
Damand and Diu*	—	—	5
Delhi	1	6	58
Lakshya Deep	—	—	3
Pondicherry	2	2	32
AH-INDIA	13533	9766	169750

* In the absence of data for the year 1994-95, available information has been utilised.

@ Arable Land includes Net Sown Area, Current Fallows, Other Fallows and Land under Misc. Tree Crops and Groves etc.

Damage to onion crop in Maharashtra

146. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a)whether it is a fact that onion crops were extensively damaged due to natural calamity in Maharashtra recently causing heavy losses to the farmers and skyrocketing the prices of onion in the country;

(b)if so, the details thereof;

(c)whether Government had provided any relief or compensation to the onion growers of the State; and

(d)if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTERY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Damage to cotton crop in Maharashtra

147. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the cotton crop in Maharashtra has extensively been damaged due to natural calamities causing heavy losses to the cotton growers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to compensate the cotton growers in the State, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) to (c) As per available information, the production estimate of cotton (Thousand bales of 170 kgs. each) in Maharahtra during 1996-97 and 1997-98 is indicated below:—

1996-97	3143
1997-98	1860

In order to increase production and productivity of all types of cotton, the Government of India is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Intensive Cotton Development Scheme in 11 major cotton growing States including Maharashtra on 75:25 basis. During 1998-99 an amount of Rs. 406.59 lakhs as Centre's share has been allocated to the State of Maharashtra under this scheme.